



Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Traffic Safety

IMPAIRED DRIVING FACTS – 2004

ILLINOIS:

- 604 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, which was 45 percent of the 1,356 total crash fatalities.
- Total alcohol-related crash fatalities decreased from 637 in 2003 to 604 in 2004.
- More than 50,000 people of all ages were arrested for DUI.
- More than 4,600 drivers under the age of 21 were arrested for DUI and more than 2,600 underage drivers violated the zero tolerance of alcohol law.

NATIONAL:

- 16,694 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, which was 39% of the 42,636 total crash fatalities.
- Total alcohol-related crash fatalities decreased from 17,105 in 2003 to 16,694 in 2004.
- More than 1.4 million drivers of all ages were arrested for DUI.

.08 ILLEGAL BAC LIMIT:

- All states have .08 illegal BAC (blood alcohol concentration) laws. Illinois' .08 BAC limit was signed into law July 2, 1997.
- At .08, a driver is three times more likely to be involved in a car crash than a sober driver, and 11 times more likely to be killed in a single-vehicle crash.

ILLINOIS DRUNK DRIVERS:

The average DUI offender is:

- Male (82 percent of those arrested are men)
- Age 34 (60 percent of those arrested are under age 35)
- Arrested between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. on a weekend
- Caught driving with an illegal BAC level of .16